

REMARKS

Claims 2-5 and 7-30 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 6 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. Claims 2-5, 7-11 and 13 are amended.

On page 2 the Office Action rejects claims 1 and 6. Claims 1 and 6 are the only claims rejected in the Office Action. The rejections of claims 1 and 6 are respectfully traversed. Claims 1 and 6 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. For this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1 and 6 be withdrawn.

On page 3, the Office Action indicates that claims 2-5 and 7-13 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2-5, 7-11 and 13 are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 12 depends from claim 11. For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that claims 2-5 and 7-13 be allowed.

The Office Action indicates that claims 14-30 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-5 and 7-30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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